January 3d, Milan:

(To General Berthier.) Give General Lannes orders to start for the 19th demi-brigade in two hours, to take command. All the officers must march with their companies, and not in postchaises; they must look like a demi-brigade of the army of Italy, and not like a demi-brigade of the King of Persia. I will cashier any officer who travels by stage and is not with his company.

6th. The more I study, in my leisure moments, the hopeless defects in the army service, the more I am convinced something must be done quickly. Everything is bought and sold. The army consumes five times as much as is necessary. The leading actresses of Italy are kept by the employes of the French army; extravagance, immorality, and graft have reached their limit. There is only one remedy, — a judicial body that can sentence any army administrator to be shot. Marshal Berwick hanged his commissary because his army was short of food ; and we, we are often short. It is not that I am weak; I have employes arrested every day, but nobody backs me up.

12th, Roverbella:

Orders for the reserve cavalrv to march to-nierht to